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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, PFOR, MASS, SP
SUBJECT: PRESS STORY EXPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON SPAIN

REF: MADRID 7516

1. IN A STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON AND DEALING WITH THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS ON ARGENTINA, PERU, HAITI, THE PHILIPPINES, IRAN, AND INDONESIA, THE AFTERNOON DAILY -DIARIO 16" SAID THAT SUCH REPORTS WERE ALSO EXPECTED ON 16 OTHER COUNTRIES (AS REQUESTED BY THE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE), INCLUDING SPAIN.

2. "IN THE CASE OF SPAIN," THE STORY SAID, "THE REPORT HAS BEEN DRAFTED WITH THE HELP OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MADRID, AND ON THE BASIS OF THIS FACT, LEGISLATIVE SOURCES DO NOT EXPECT IT WILL BE 'VERY NEGATIVE.' ITS PUBLICATION IS ALSO TAKEN FOR GRANTED, IN SPITE OF THE FACT IT CARRIES A SECRET CLASSIFICATION."

3. THE FOLLOWING DAY, A FOLLOW-UP STORY ALSO DATELINED WASHINGTON AND ATTRIBUTED TO ALBERTO VALVERDE REPORTED THAT "THE AMERICAN GOVT HAS COVERED WITH THE VEIL OF 'SECRET' A REPORT DRAFTED BY ITS EMBASSY IN MADRID ON THE SITUATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS IN SPAIN." SAYING "LEGISLATIVE SOURCES" WERE "SURPRISED" BY THE CLASSIFICATION, SINCE OTHER SUCH REPORTS WERE DECLASSIFIED, THE ACCOUNT CONTINUES THAT ACCORDING TO THE SAME SOURCES, "UNLESS THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE DECIDES TO PUBLISH THE REPORT," ITS CONTENTS WILL REMAIN UNKNOWN UNTIL THE CONGRESS ACTS ON AUTHORIZATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FUNDS "AND, IN THE CASE OF SPAIN, THE AID MONEY FORESEEN IN THE

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION IN EFFECT BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPEARANCE OF THE SECOND
ARTICLE, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED FOR THE EARLIEST
POSSIBLE CLARIFICATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OMISSION OF
SPAIN FROM THE GROUP OF COUNTRIES CONCERNING WHICH HUMAN RIGHTS
REPORTS HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC. THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO BE
ABLE TO STATE AT ITS REGULAR FRIDAY PRESS BRIEFING (JAN 7), IF
THIS IS THE CASE, THAT THE OMISSION OF SPAIN INDICATES THAT THE
REPORT ON SPAIN IS NOT AN ADVERSE ONE. REQUEST GUIDANCE BY
OPENING OF BUSINESS JAN 7. STABLER

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